Days in the Arctic.

pony. We had been confined to

duce this to the personal equation,

and it appears as the attempt of a

democracy to snatch his coming

power from a king in an Eton

jacket; for behind that imposing

old Constitution stands a little boy

in knickerbockers-Alfonso XIII

(unluckiest of numbers). If his

majesty were twenty-one instead of twelve, the war would lose much

of its essential pathos, which ap

peals to the chivalrous instincts of

most people. As a "war" proper

it would scarcely interest the tacti-

cians. Spain is always the land of

the Infante. Today it is the king-

sixty five years ago, when the

King's grandmother, Isabella II,

ascended the throne at the age of

three, assuming the actual govern-

ment when she was thirteen, Cu-

riously enough, at that time both

nent, inasmuch as Brazil was in

the keeping of a little boy, poor

Pedro II., then aged eight. The

especially thorny. Her mother,

Maria Christina, shocked the gran-

dees of Spain by contracting (in

1833) a morganatic marriage a few

months after the death of her hus-

band. She plotted and planned to

marry Isabella, who ultimately

wedded her cousin, Francisco de

Assisi. Maria ultimately had to

go to France (in 1854), and Isabella was expelled to the same

country in 1868, abdicating two

years later in favor of her son, Al

fonso XII., father of the present

boy king. Maria of Portugal also

found life a worry. Her father, Dom Pedro IV., abdicated in her

favor in 1826, when she was seven,

keeping Brazil for himself and his

son Pedro. Maria, who was born

in 1819, should have married her

father's brother, Dom Miguel. But

she didn't. She espoused first the

Prince of Leuchtenberg and then

Prince Ferdinand of Saxe Coburg,

cousin of our own Prince Consort,

and the grandfather of the present

King of Portugal. As a matter of

fact, Miguel managed to hold the

throne for six years (1828-34), but

Maria was ultimately restored in

the latter year (in which, by the

way, her father died), and reigned

till her death in 1853. Her brother

Pedro, whom she replaced in Por-

CARP A CENTURY OLD .- Stories,

our tent by a hard gate of wind, The weather throughout our combined with heavy driving snow first spring journey in 1897, says and dense mist, and our little en-Frederick G. Jackson in Harper' campment was all buried in the Magazine, was severe in the exdrits. The view from our tent reme. During the two months was limited to ten yards, beyond we were away we only enjoyed which we could see nothing. rteen and a half tolerably fine "Brownie" and our five remaining ys-high gales, driving snow dogs had been getting weaker and hick mist, and often very low temweaker, and we still knew not the eratures comprised the fare prodistance that separated us from our vided for us. On March 28, at our hut on Cape Flora, or how far we camp near the entrance of Crichton yet had to travel. On the evening of the second of this charming Somerville Bay, we were kept in our tent by a severe gale. I examweather I heard her struggling to ined the dogs soon after we turned get upon her feet, and I went outout of our furs, and found them side the tent to render assistance, buried in the snow, but apparently in which Mr. Armitage shortly all well. Three hours afterwards afterwards joined me. For an hour, I found one dog frozen to death, in the howling gale, we endeavored and its body as hard as a rock to get her up, but she was too weak to stand. We wrapped her up in her blanket coat and made her as another dog was frozen fast in the ice, and we had to hack it out with a small pick to get it free. The comfortable as we could, giving following day another of our dogs her the last handful of oats kept broke down, and we carried him for an emergency. I knew it was on our sledge in the endeavor to all over with her. Next morning keep him alive; but the poor little I found her dead and frozen hard. beast, faithful and plucky to the We telt very sad at the death of our last, gradually froze to death. Two poor old pony. At the hut she or three days two more dogs ended had become quite one of the famtheir days. We wrapped them up ily, and in good weather ran about in skins when we camped, and I loose as she pleased. She had been gave them a nip of whisky each in a faithful servant to us, and I had the hope of reviving them, but to been promising her all sorts of no avail. It was a sad time for us good times for the rest of her life thus to see our animals die one if I could only get her back to after another, to say nothing of the England in safety. Poor animal, loss of draught power, which renshe deserved a better fate than to dered progress at all very difficult. leave her bones on that dismal, At that time, too, we could not silent glacier! With her, too, died even guess at the length of the more than half our remaining journey in front of us. We had draught power, and necessitating set out to go round the western our discarding three sledges and a land, and meant to accomplish it. great portion of our equipment, The fluctuations in temperature, taking with us such articles only too, were very trying. Frequently as were essential to life or for scienwith the onset of a southeast gale tific investigations. it rose from 40 deg. below zero to 28 deg. above within thirty-six CHILDREN WHO HAVE RULED hours-altering our garments, THE WORLD, -To the sombre philwhich previously had been frozen osopher, the Cuban war stands for as hard as sheets of galvanized a struggle between a young and an iron, so that it took us hours to old civilization; it is the old fight get into them, to a state of noisome of the Saxon against the Celt. Remoistness, and everything inside

the tent would be in a condition of

drip. Down again would go the

temperature, and the rockiness of

our clothes and equipment would

be increased. This addition of

moisture and ice in our clothes,

besides being inconvenient and

uncomfortable, greatly increased our weights. To give an instance,

my militza (fur jumper), which on

leaving the hut weighed a little

under ten pounds, on our return

scaled nearly thirty pounds. The

rises of temperature and conse-

quent wet in the tent caused our

furs to rot, and the stench made

thereby was absolutely indescrib-

During our first sledge journey of last spring we were on several occasions cut off by open sea water -of course with masses of floating ice in it, running right up to the coast, thus stopping all further advance on the sea ice, and obliging us to search for a spot where, aided by high snowdrifts, we could haul our sledges by means of a purchase up the face of the glacier, and thus enable us to climb up the steep incline of the ice clad land. This work entailed excessive labor, hauling our sledges simply foot by foot, as the five remaining dogs stopped every eight or ten yards, and could only be s'arted again by hauling up the sledges and by shouting ourselves hoarse. The whip is of little use when every muscle has to be strained to move at all, and besides being repugnant to any one fond of animals, tends to discourage rather than to spur them on, and Dr. Armitage seldom used it. There is a popular picture of dog driving, of a man seated on a sledge twirling a long whip around his head, and careering gaily along at the rate of ten or twelve miles an hour, behind a team or dogs. This, unfortunately, is anything but a true one. We never thought of riding upon a sledge, but were more than contented if it could be kept in motion at a slow walk by the united efforts of the animals and ourselves. hauled in a trace ahead of the dogs, and led the way, while my companion, by continuous shouting and occasional use of the whip, kept the dogs at their work, and whenever the sledges stoppedwhich they did at the smallest obstruction-by hauling and shoutsing got them started again.

tugal, and in whose favor her father On more than one occasion we resigned the crown of Brazil, was -nearly lost our pony down crevasa charming man, but he was an ses, when toiling over the high anachronism, for the Brazilians glacier land. One day last spring drove him out in 1889, and he died I was leading as usual with her, of a broken heart two years later. and Mr. Armitage was following If you are superstitious these memin my tracks with the dog team. ories of Iberia and America of On the even surface of the snow sixty odd years ago are scarcely there is nothing whatever to indiauspicious for the King in the Eton cate the yawning dark chasms, jacket .- English Illustrated Magahundreds of feet in depth, which lie concealed around us by light bridges of snow, only a few inches in thickness. The snow covered more or less authenticated, of fish surface of the glacier looks as firm which have attained extreme old and stable as Piccadilly, not even age are common. It seems, howa slight depression in the snow ever, that in the pond of Emmanuel marks the hideous pitfall below, college, Cambridge, there dwell and the inexperienced traveller four carp, concerning one of which would probably tramp on with a there is fairly strong circumstanfeeling of perfect security. We, tial evidence to prove that it is however, had gone on glaciers nearly 150 years old. It has only many times before. Suddenly, one eye, and Rev. A. G. L. Bowwithout a moment's warning, ling recollects a one eyed carp in "Brownie" dropped through the the same pond in 1867 which, he snow crust with all four legs, and was told at the time, was over 100 hung suspended by a light bridge years old. Since then he has cisof snow over a gaping abyss, the black depths of which the eye could covered in Sir John Hawkins's edition of "Walton's Complete not fathem. Fortunately she was Angler," published in 1791, a toottoo much frightened and 'too exnote quoting an article of a daily hausted to move a muscle, otherpaper published in August, 1782 wise she would have disappeared to the effect that, "in the basin of at once, taking the sledges with her. Emmanuel College, Cambridge, a My companion, seeing what had carp was still living that had been happened, at once came to my help, in the water thirty-six years, which but unwisely stepped off his skithough it had lost one eye knew which are a great protection in and would constantly approach its such cases-and at once dropped keeper." There are, of course, through into the crevass up to his large gaps be ween the dates of arms. I must confess that the 1746 (when the carp is said to have next few seconds were anxious been placed in the water), 1782, ones as I endeavored to hold up the pony with one hand, and to 1867, and 1893. But, seeing that render assistance to Mr. Armitage with the other. However, he for- credited with thirty six years of tunately managed to scramble out residence, that in 1867 a one eyed into safety, and by passing a line carp said to be "over 100 years round the pony's neck we suc-ceeded in extricating her from her eyed carp, believed to be of great Two days later we sustained a safe, is there still, the conclusion is natural that it has been the same perilous position.

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